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1. The National Committee of the German Trade Unions (DGB) will meet late in November to discuss the organization's official policy on remilitarization. Since a large number of the membership are strongly opposed to any German remilitarization, and since, for political reasons, the Committee does not care to go on record expressing these sentiments, it is doubtful that they will arrive at any definite conclusion. It is therefore expected that they will publish only [REDACTED].

2. Six months after [REDACTED] on to Chairmanship of the DGB, his position as [REDACTED] chief opponents at this time are Adolf Kummernuss [REDACTED] for Employees of the Government, transportation [REDACTED] who, as will be remembered, aspired to the Chairmanship himself. In a recent speech before his Union, he attacked Fette's policies during the last six months and questioned his fitness to head the German Trade Unions. Another principal opponent of Fette is Walter Freitag, Chairman of the Metal Workers Union, whose opposition is based principally on his loyal support of the SPD and its Chair [REDACTED].

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3. There [REDACTED] a candidate. As [REDACTED] abolishing the of [REDACTED] consisting of the [REDACTED] project would be such a radical departure from trade union tradition, and since it is very unlikely that Freitag and Kummernuss can agree on a candidate acceptable to a majority of the electors, circles close to Fette anticipate no serious difficulty for him at the convention.

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